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<p align="center">Supplemental Notice of Allowability For A Design Application</p>	Application No. 10/734,696	Applicant(s) MEMMEN ET AL.	
	Examiner JOHN C. HONG	Art Unit 3726	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 7/28/08.
2. ☒ The claim is allowed.
3. ☐ Acceptable drawings:
 - (a) ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
 - (b) ☐ Drawing Figures filed on _____ and drawing Figures filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ The claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) is acknowledged.
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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NOTE:		/JOHN C HONG/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3726

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William slate on 10/28/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Non- elected claims 16 and 20-31 have been cancelled.\

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN C. HONG whose telephone number is 571-272-4529. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID BRYANT can be reached on 571-272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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